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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED MARCH 13 BY THE KNESSET AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS DISCUSSION OF THE MARCH 11 TERRORIST ATTACK.
BEGIN TEXT.

2. THE KNESSET ANGRILY CONDEMNS THE BLOODY ACT PERPETRATED BY THE EMISSARIES OF THE MURDERERS ORGANIZATION CALLED THE PLO, WHOSE VICTIMS WERE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THESE PEACEFUL CIVILIANS WERE CUT DOWN BY A BRUTAL ENEMY ONLY
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BECAUSE THEY WERE JEWS.

3. THE KNESSET EXPRESSES ITS CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES WHOSE LOVED ONES FELL ON THE HAIFA-TEL AVIV HIGHWAY AND WISHES THE WOUNDED A SPEEDY AND FULL RECOVERY.

4. THE KNESSET ASSERTS THAT THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

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AND THEIR EMISSARIES MUST BE STRUCK AT TO EXTERMINATE THEM.

5. THE KNESSET CALLS ON FREEDOM-SEKKING NATIONS TO CONDEMN THIS MURDERERS ORGANIZATION, TO WITHDRAW ANY RECOGNITION OF IT, TO CLOSE DOWN ITS OFFICES AND TO EXPEL ITS REPRESENTATIVES.

6. THE KNESSET BELIEVES THAT TERRORISTS' ATTEMPTS TO FRUSTRATE THE PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL NOT SUCCEED. THE STATE OF ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO INDEFATIGABLY STRIVE FOR TRUE AND DURABLE PEACE. END TEXT.

7. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSES THE VIEW OF THE KNESSET THAT THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK MUST BE PUNISHED. THIS REFLECTS THE WIDE SUPPORT IN THE COUNTRY FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT ACTION IN SOUTH LEBANON.

8. THE DRAFTING OF THE RESOLUTION WAS A JOINT EFFORT BY THE LIKUD AND THE ALIGNMENT, AND WAS ADOPTED BY THE ENTIRE HOUSE WITHOUT OPPOSITION. IN CONTRAST TO BEGIN'S SPEECH, IN WHICH HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT THE EFFECT ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS (AS NOTED IN REFTEL), THE RESOLUTION STATES THAT ISRAEL WILL NOT ALLOW THE ATTACK TO
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FRUSTRATE PEACE EFFORTS. THIS POINT WAS INCLUDED AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE ALIGNMENT. BEGIN WAS VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO ITS INCLUSION AND AGREED ONLY WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT WITHOUT THAT POINT, THE ALIGNMENT WOULD HAVE INTRODUCED ITS OWN RESOLUTION.
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